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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS EG FR US
SUBJECT: RUMORED SALE OF F-1 AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT

REF: (A) STATE 55471, (B) CAIRO 6927

1. IN TALK WITH MINDEFENSE GAMASY TODAY, I ASKED HIM ABOUT CAIRO PRESS REPORT THAT GOE IS IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING F-1S FROM FRANCE. I TOLD HIM QUITE FRANKLY THAT AN EGYPTIAN/FRENCH CONTRACT FOR F-1S AT THIS TIME WOULD COMPLICATE PRESENTATION TO THE CONGRESS OF OUR PROPOSED F-5 SALE.

2. GAMASY SAID THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE PRESS REPORT OF AN EGYPTIAN INTENTION TO PURCHASE F-1S. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INITIAL CAIRO PRESS REPORT. HE HAD DONE SO IN ORDER TO "CONFUSE" THE ISRAELIS AND OTHERS ABOUT EGYPT'S PLANS TO ACQUIRE NEW AIRCRAFT, BUT HAD INSTRUCTED THAT THE REPORT BE DATELINED PARIS. BECAUSE OF THE FUROR THE PRESS REPORT HAD CAUSED, HE HAD SINCE BEEN URGED TO AUTHORIZE MININFO ISSUE A DENIAL, BUT HAD DECIDED THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY. HE WISHED US TO KNOW CATEGORICALLY, HOWEVER, THAT GOE HAS
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NO RPT NO INTENTION OF PURCHASING F-1S. GOE, HE NOTED, ALREADY HAS MIRAGE 5S, WHICH SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE. EVENTUALLY, WHEN THE MIRAGE 5S ARE OBSOLETE, GOE WILL CONSIDER PURCHASING MIRAGE 2000S. BUT THIS IS FAR OFF.

3. GAMASY ALSO SAID HE HAD MEANT TO INFORM AMBASSADOR GHORBAL THAT THE PRESS REPORTS OF PROPOSED EGYPTIAN F-1

PURCHASES FROM FRANCE WERE INCORRECT, BUT HAD NEGLECTED
TO DO SO. HE WOULD NOW ADVISE GHORBAL SO THAT THE LATTER
CAN USE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE CONGRESS AS NECESSARY.
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